

The Snyder Signal

THIRTY-FIRST YEAR

SNYDER, SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1918.

NUMBER FORTY

TRACK MEET OF COUNTY SCHOOLS

SUTTON COUNTY FIELD DAY PROGRAM

Final list of the events and prizes to be given in County Field Meet to be held at Snyder March 20-21.

Boys' Senior Declaration Prize \$2.00, 2nd \$1.00, given by H. G. Hays.

Boys' Junior Declaration, 1st \$2.00, 2nd \$1.00, given by Hays.

Boys' Rural School Declaration, 1st \$2.00, 2nd \$1.00, given by Hays.

Girls' Senior Declaration, 1st \$2.00, 2nd \$1.00, given by Hays.

Girls' Junior Declaration, 1st \$2.00, 2nd \$1.00, given by Hays.

Girls' Rural School Declaration, 1st \$2.00, 2nd \$1.00, given by Hays.

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"A CALL OF DEMOCRACY"

By David Starr Jordan in the Republic.

There will never be a free and enlightened state until the state comes to recognize the individual as a higher and independent power from which all its own power and authority are derived, and treats him accordingly. —Thoreau.

Through the ages, says Barbusse, "the people are nothing; they should be everything." This epitom of the French soldier may well be a watchword of Democracy. The modern world, as now so often paraphrased from Lincoln, "cannot endure half-slave, half free," that is, half of it under the government, "of the people, by the people, for the people," half of it subject to irresponsible oligarchies, parasitic on the "divine right of kings." Wherever arbitrary power exists, it will be used in arbitrary ways. The only antidote to its abuses is to be found in government by the people. This is an instantaneous remedy applied once for all. It is the process of growth. The people must feel their way, learning from their own mistakes, building their loftier ideals on the wreckage of past hopes.

It matters little what the shortcomings of Democracy are. The essential thing is progress in enlightenment and justice; the way leads through freedom. No people ever had a government better than it deserved. It is a quality of Democracy always to desire something better. A perfect government would be superfluous. As Goethe once observed, "The best government is that which renders itself unnecessary." The hesitating aim of most governments which endeavor to be good is that they attempt too many things the people should do for themselves. The highest duty of a government is to keep the road unobstructed so that each man can make his own way for himself.

THE COUNTRY NEEDS AN AGRICULTURAL ARMY

Economists are facing the prospect of a shortage of farm labor. It is conceded that since so many of our young men have gone to the war, the farms will be short of hands when time comes for cultivating crops. It is being urged already that plans must be perfected to get men from the towns into the country to do the farm work. For years past the young men of the country have drifted to the towns, and those who remain in towns have chosen to stay on the streets and engage in such callings as might come their way. It is plain now that duty to themselves and their country is calling them to go to the farms and work. Every town has a swarm of able bodied men and boys who are living from hand to mouth, spending all their earnings and more, while these could go to the farms and not only produce food and feed, but establish habits of industry and frugality that will in after years prove beneficial to them and to the country. Just a few days ago we read of protests being sent to the legislators at Austin against the passage of laws that would close the saloons and breweries, because it would throw thousands of men out of employment. Such appeals have no weight in the face of the demand for farm labor. With these thousands of men on the farms and other thousands who choose to remain in the towns because of the saloons, the farm labor problem will be largely solved. Maybe they will not want to go but if the government can draft men into military service, why may it not call others to the plow? It is said that we must win the war with food. We already have the forces on the battle front and the next thing is to feed them. It is an half and right to muster an army of food producers, and with such rules as the government can and will adopt, a vast army of food producers can be mustered into the service and by discipline and discipline application of practical rules this agricultural army can be made to render just as valuable and efficient service for the country as those on the battle line and in the trenches.

Fruit trees are in bloom, but the mosquito trees have not yet out yet.

SNYDER ACTIVITIES OF THE RED CROSS



The Red Cross Show, The Red Cross picture show last Friday and Saturday resulted in gross receipts of \$75.12, the expenses totaled \$75.12, leaving a net sum of \$102.47 for the Red Cross benefit. This is a splendid showing and the Red Cross Finance Committee requests the Signal to thank the public for the liberal patronage, also all who were active in making it a success, and especially those who helped in supplying music, etc.

More Knitters Wanted. The attached clipping from the American Red Cross paper is sufficient evidence of the importance of the knitting department.

Don't get it in your minds that knitting is only for the decrepit and old, many pretty girls are spending their leisure hours in knitting for our boys who are giving their all to win the war. Want some of you girls take up this work? We will be glad to teach you. Chairman Knitting Com.

Knit, Knit and Knit. Chapters still seem uncertain whether they are to continue knitting during the spring and summer months. Any chapter member who could spend a day at the Bureau of Supplies and see the tremendous shipments of knit articles being sent to the Cantonnements would not wonder whether chapters were still to continue knitting, as there are not a sufficient amount of knit garments on hand at the present time to meet the demands.

Knit garments will be required in this country until hot weather comes. We shall need them for the use of our men abroad as long as the war continues. We need socks especially, for they wear out more quickly than any other article and are tremendously important in keeping the men in condition. Remember this division needs your knitting. Do not let our men be in need of knit articles while you are wondering whether you still must knit. DON'T STOP KNITTING UNTIL THE WAR IS OVER. You will probably be asked to knit even after that.

HORACE M. SWOPE, Acting Manager.

Surgical Dressings Notes.

We are informed by the chairman of the surgical dressings in St. Louis that the need for these dressings has never been so great as it is at the present time. We are asked to keep our work room full and to double our output.

During January, February and March, four boxes of dressings have been shipped. Box No. 2, containing 1375 gauze wipes 4x4 inches. Box No. 3, containing 50 pads. Box No. 4, containing 1375 gauze Bandages. Box No. 5 containing 205 Bandages.

The classes are now working on 2x4 inch compresses and 2x3 inch wipes. During the past month sixteen Red Cross caps were made by the committee. These caps of white, trimmed in blue and with a red cross on forehead have been adopted as our uniform cap. Those who have worked thirty two hours in the workroom are entitled to wear the red cross on the cap. At present over twenty are wearing the cross. Two have earned the right to wear the cross on the left shoulder of apron, having worked at least seventy two hours in workroom.

Next week we are to have an instructor come to us from Athens to teach us several new dressings. We

will be permitted to submit a sample box from each class and take the examination for a pupil's or instructor's certificate. The fee will be \$50. Classes will probably begin Tuesday. There will be an announcement made later concerning this. As many as possibly can should take advantage of this opportunity. Please sign up for these classes either at Thompson or Grayson's Drug Store.

TEACHERS ELECTED TUESDAY EVENING

At a meeting of the school board Tuesday evening the following teachers were elected to positions in the Snyder public schools for the term 1918-19: Misses Nannie Ball, O. A. Bibben, Veda Maxwell, Flora Weatherly, Vera Heath, Josie York, Ima Wilson, Grace Moore, Zada Maxwell, Mary Heath, Annie May Clapproth. Other members of the present faculty whose names do not appear on this list, were not applicants for re-election for the coming year.

A MONEYLESS LECTURE BY DR. C. M. ROSSER

At The Baptist Church in Snyder Next Sunday Morning at 11 O'Clock.

Dr. C. M. Rosser of Dallas will be here next Sunday and deliver a lecture on war conditions and the work of the Red Cross.

This will be a moneyless lecture and everybody is cordially invited to attend. Dr. Rosser is a noted orator and he always pleases his hearers. Dr. Rosser has relatives in the city—Judge M. E. Rosser and Dr. H. E. Rosser, as well as many friends and acquaintances.

The Signal bespeaks for him a full house. No collection.

Hurt in Auto Accident.

Three Hamilton citizens, H. A. Stacy, W. J. Gohar and J. E. Harris, who have been out on the plains, left here Wednesday morning for Hamilton and when they had gone about six miles and were near the Plus Freytag place on the Divide, their car turned over or broke down and men and things were piled up in a heap.

Mr. Gohar was at the wheel and he says the dust storm blinded him and he doesn't really know what caused the accident. They phoned here for Dr. Warren who went out and gathered up the fragments and brought men and car to town for repairs. Mr. Stacy was bruised on the side of his head and face. Mr. Gohar was bruised on the face and the chest and his left arm was hurt. Mr. Harris got the most serious hurt. Two ribs were said to be broken and he was shaken up and bruised other wise. He was taken to the hotel and put to bed for treatment while the other men had the car repaired intending to go on to Hamilton Thursday.

Barkley-Turner Wedding.

On the 6th day of March, 1918, at the hour of 7:30 p. m., the friends and neighbors of Mr. J. Turner had gathered at their home, the appointed hour having arrived then Mr. J. Hansen Barkley presented himself with Miss Mamie V. Turner, leaning trustfully on his left arm, she was beautifully attired in white silk. The preacher after a few words concerning the Divine origin of this relationship and its solemn lasting obligations solemnly pronounced them husband and wife. They were seated and received the congratulations of their friends. We were then ushered into the dining room where we partook heartily of the delicious supper of fruits, cakes and other "PISEN" things then we engaged in social conversation and the young folks gave us some delightful music, then the crowd dispersed.

Mr. Barkley is from Dalhart, where they will return next Thursday.

Miss Mamie V. is the daughter of Mr. J. Turner, a well to do farmer 5 miles west of Snyder. We love one of our best girls and Mr. Barkley thinks he has gained the whole world. May it be so to him is the sincere wish of her many friends.

Truly a friend indeed.

L. S. KNIGHT.

Get busy today and "spray" your rats. Mayor Smith says, "CLEANUP."

"CIVILIZATION" COMING TO SNYDER

Attention of Signal readers is directed to the large advertisement of the Cory Theatre announcing the coming today and tomorrow of "Civilization." This is a fine picture and a full house at the three performances is predicted.

Another Volunteer Soldier.

J. T. O. Cobb, 18 years old, a nephew of City Marshal O. P. Wolfe is the latest army recruit to go from Snyder. He came here some months ago from Burnett County and has been living here with his relative. He is a bright energetic young man. Working under the registration age, his chances to enter the service depended on his personal application for enlistment.

He carried his case to Postmaster Barnes who wired to El Paso Monday and very soon a recruiting officer came down from Lubbock and fixed up the application and Tuesday the young man received notice of acceptance and he left here over the Santa Fe Wednesday morning for Fort Bliss a full fledged United States soldier.

Deacon Ordained at Pleasant Hill

Rev. L. S. Knight preached last Sunday at Pleasant Hill, and officiated in the ordination of Mr. T. I. Sheppard to the office of deacon in the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

Announcement.

The time for our county meet is drawing near. I trust that each school in the League is planning to enter the spelling contest.

Each school may enter two contestants provided such contestants are eligible under the rules in Article VIII of the Constitution as given in the University Bulletin No 1721. I am authorized by Rule II to ask that, before the Spelling Contest, each school shall furnish me with a list and the eligibility of their contestants, certified to by the principal or superintendent.

The word "Indelible," in the senior list is misspelled. Teachers; please correct this mistake. After having exhausted the junior tryout list of words, if contestants are still standing, words from the state adopted speller, beginning with the sixth grade, page 117 and after the senior tryout, words beginning with the seventh grade, page 135 will be pronounced. It is hoped the contestants will make some preparation for this work after they have thoroughly mastered the words in the tryout list.

MRS. O. L. HOWELL, Director of Spelling.

Judge Buchanan a Lawyer. Judge C. R. Buchanan went to Amarillo a few weeks ago and took examination for license to practice law, then he came home and is now in the State Senate at Austin making law. A few days ago he received a letter and grade report from the clerk of the examining board showing that he made fine grades in all the subjects and a high general average and his law license is forth coming. Judge Buchanan has had to do with law and the courts for a long time, has been county judge here for eight years and is well equipped for practice in the profession.

Footer led us to hope for rain last Sunday and for awhile the prospects were favorable. In fact there came a little shower—then the new moon came on Tuesday and there was more cloudiness with the daily and storm, then Kin Blackard said "Look out for the 18th."

THEY ARE "CORKERS"

The strike in the ship building yards at San Francisco proves that the union men are disposed to profit at the expense of the nation, or else they are under the sinister influence of enemy propaganda. They admit that they have not enough caulkers to finish the work in contract time yet they refuse to allow men to come in and learn the business. Sure they are "corkers." That is one of the reasons why organized labor has had trouble to grow in popular favor. The radical in a labor union are its worst enemy.

SIXTH MONTHLY SCHOOL REPORT

SNYDER PUBLIC SCHOOLS REPORT SIXTH MONTH

	Enr.	N. Bldg.	Pat. A.	T. CP.
Cal. Hill	124	101	83.5	1 0
N. Ward	219	151	83.5	8 9
Central	352	188	82.2	5 5
H. School	175	142	81.0	9 4
All Schools	762	582	82.9	22 9

At the end of sixth month last year 916 pupils had enrolled, the above tabulated record showing a decrease of 152 pupils in enrollment. The record shows an abnormal decrease in number belonging this month, but this is attributed to a large extent to the prevalence of measles, grip, etc., among our pupils. All pupils out for three days are automatically dropped from the rolls at the end of the third day and are not a permanent loss to the school. Much of the decrease, of course is due to the moving away of some considerable number of people on account of the death.

The corresponding month last year showed 33 tardies against 25 this month but the number this month is entirely too great and must be reduced. There were 36 cases of corporal punishment the sixth month last year against 9 this year, which indicates more strongly than any words the improved condition.

In all essential respects the schools are in good condition. There is absolute harmony throughout the faculty and a more conscientious cooperative and efficient body of teachers than these constituting your present corps. I have never known in a system of this size. The student body with some exceptions is lining up to the reasonable rules and regulations of the school as is shown by the small number of punishments necessary. The patrons of the schools have shown, in the main, a cooperative spirit and we feel especially grateful to each and every one for his support. This spirit of cooperation is absolutely basic and fundamental as a requirement for success in any school system.

Very sincerely,
D. A. CLARK,
Supt. Snyder Schools.

Honor Roll Sixth Month.

- Central—
First Grade: Eugene Huggins 41, Harold Sims 30, Charles Lockhart 92.
Second Grade: Dorris Buchanan 44, Conway Johnson 92.
High Second Grade: C. W. White 94, Mable Isaacs 93, Lurene Lockhart 98, Herman Deak 90.
Third Grade: Florence Griffith 92, Ray Sims 35, J. Wright Ligon 92.
Fourth Grade: Gertrude Isaacs 93, Vera Nell Grantham 92.
Fifth Grade: Maurine Cassingham 90.
Sixth Grade: Gladys Farrar 91, Colonial Hill—
First Grade: Chalmers Abbott 90.
Second Grade: Opal Turner 92, Mary Lynn Nation 90, Clark Robinson 92, John Daniels 92, Ina Davis 93.
Third Grade: Nile Warren 90, Joe Tant Johnston 92, Hubert Curry 94.
Fourth Grade: Johnnie Barnes 91, Ora Thompson 92, Ruth Rosner 94, Ernestine Hoover 94, Ellen Rutes Johnson 93.
Fifth Grade: Ethel Lee 92, Willis Fern Curry 92.
Seventh Grade: Frank Taylor 94.
North Ward—
First Grade: Raymond Chappell 90, Elmer Lanham 91, Jennings Reiter 91.
Second Grade: Patsy Watts 92, Clarence Wiley 93, Bertrice Dorsett 92.
Third Grade: J. W. Coats 93, Lavonia Looney 92, Dorothy Strayhorn 92, Esther Harrod 91, James Robinson 90, Alvin Roosenman 90, James Wylie 90.
Fourth Grade: Mary Francis Hamlett 95, Opal Stephens 91, Harold Chappell 90.
Sixth Grade: Laura Humphreys 90, Nell Rurdivant 91, Marie Turner 90.
Fifth Grade: Gladys Harrod 91.
Seventh Grade: Ralph Wolf 90, Ivy Davis 90, Bertha Williams 90, Bertha Tolers 90.